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Wall hails Nebraska support in Keystone XL approval bid

Final decision rests with Obama. Neb. governor says he'll allow pipeline to go through his state

Premier Brad Wall says the approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline by Nebraska's governor is helpful.

Wall says that means all of the governors along the route through the United States support the project and hopefully that will affect the final decision.

"Now we have literally all of the governors along the route and then some outside the route who are very supportive in very recent days of the pipeline," Wall said.

"I am hoping that will have an impact on the decision."

Nebraska's Republican Gov. Dave Heineman has sent a letter to U.S. President Barack Obama saying he'll allow the pipeline to go through his state along a revised route that skirts an environmentally sensitive area.

The U.S. State Department, which has jurisdiction because the pipeline crosses an international border, is to make a recommendation to Obama.

"Nebraska is a pretty key player in all of this," Wall said. "Their concerns over the aquifer, I think, certainly buttress those whose position it was to oppose the pipeline for some understandable concerns over the aquifer."

The $7-billion pipeline would carry bitumen from Alberta's oilsands to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Wall and 10 Republican governors sent a letter to Obama last week urging him to approve the pipeline.

Wall said, if the pipeline is built, it should improve the price the province gets for its oil. Saskatchewan receives West Texas Intermediate prices as opposed to the Brent crude price, and the difference can be between 15 and 18 dollars a barrel.

"Right now, in the province of Saskatchewan, we are losing — Saskatchewan people are losing — about $300 million in additional oil-royalty revenue every single year," Wall said. "The Keystone pipeline, it is felt by many, will close and eliminate the gap."

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Alberta reaction

- Alberta Energy Minister Ken Hughes says he is pleased with the development.
- But he said Keystone, which will ship oilsands bitumen to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast, is just one part of the puzzle.
- Hughes said the province still needs pipelines to eastern Canada and to the west coast to ship oil to booming markets in Asia.

Premier Brad Wall speaks at a press conference at the cabinet office in Saskatoon on Tuesday. Wall discussed Saskatchewan's stake in the Keystone XL pipeline. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

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Saskatoon to get new Civic Operations Centre

COC. New centre will house city's transit operations and a permanent snow storage decontamination facility

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The federal government announced Tuesday it would contribute up to $42.9 million to a public-private partnership (P3) to help fund the construction of a new Civic Operations Centre (COC) in the city of Saskatoon.

The COC, which will be built near Dundonald Avenue and Valley Road, will house the city of Saskatoon's transit operations and will also serve as home for the city's first permanent snow storage decontamination facility.

Mayor Don Atchison said the new COC will be an important step in the revitalization of Saskatoon's Caswell Hill neighborhood and will also establish the city for further growth.

"People have asked for many, many years for the bus barn to be moved and the maintenance buildings to be removed from (Caswell Hill)," said Atchison. "And now they're going to be because of the involvement of the federal government.

"With Circle Drive South being finished later this year, what will happen is the buses will be able to move in a far more circular matter (and) they're going to be able to get to new areas much quicker, so it's going to benefit everyone," he said.

Atchison explained the city would be issuing a request for qualifications to find a suitable private proponent to fund, build and maintain the COC for a 25-year period by spring of this year, with selection of the partner coming in the fall of 2014.

Phase 1 construction costs on the project are estimated at $128 million.

Construction on the COC is expected to start in early 2015.

Saskatoon Mayor Donald Atchison speaks to media, city administration and transit workers at a major funding announcement in the Saskatoon Transit Maintenance Shop on Tuesday afternoon. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Saskatchewan housing not affordable: Report

According to an annual report from the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, Saskatchewan's housing market is not affordable. A rating of 3.0 or less is considered affordable, but Regina scored a 3.8 and Saskatoon rates higher at 4.3. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO

Buying a house in Saskatchewan may not be all that affordable, according to a report released Jan. 21 by the Frontier Centre for Public Policy,

"We're still in the middle of the pack, relatively to the rest of the country," said Premier Brad Wall. "We've identified housing as an issue. We know it is tight and the cost is moving up."

The study examines housing-affordability rates, which are determined by dividing the median house price by the median gross annual income, and comparing the rates on both national and international scales. A rate below 3.0 is considered affordable while a rate above 5.0 is listed as "severely unaffordable."

Saskatchewan's two biggest urban centres, Regina and Saskatoon, are rated unaffordable with respective rates of 3.8 and 4.3.

Wall said affordability issues are related to the province's rapid growth, adding that the government is focused on addressing the problems and providing solutions.

"We've taken a number of steps with our five-point housing plan that is focused on building more public housing," said Wall. "The economy is growing faster than the market's ability to respond with housing.... I would rather have these challenges, though they are challenges, than the ones we used to have," said Wall.

In Canada, New Brunswick comes out as the most affordable place to live with both Fredericton and Moncton scoring a low rating of 2.3. Vancouver is the least affordable place to live with a rating of 9.5.

Internationally, Canada became more affordable this year and has the third most affordable housing market.

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Frigid temperatures

Saskatoon police probe report that officer dropped man off outside city

The Saskatoon Police Service says it is investigating a report that an officer dropped a young man off outside the city overnight in frigid temperatures.

But the man involved may not be able to piece together all the details.

Police say a woman called early Tuesday morning saying the 19-year-old man was driven out of the city and dropped off sometime Monday evening. The man said he was then forced to walk home.

Temperatures dipped to -25 C overnight with the windchill.

"Professional standards launched an investigation despite that a formal complaint has not yet been filed, and we're currently attempting to contact both the woman and the 19-year-old male in hopes that they'll record a formal complaint," police spokeswoman Kelsie Fraser said.

She said if the man and woman prefer not to talk to Saskatoon police they can go to the provincial public complaints commission or the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

Police said they have already checked the global-positioning systems that are in all marked patrol cars and none were outside the city at the time mentioned in the call.

Fraser said the devices can't be altered.

"The officers have no ability to control what is recorded or turn off the GPS locator in their vehicle," she said.

Police said they will check in-car-camera video to determine if the man was ever inside a patrol car. In-car video is automatically activated when the back door of a patrol car is opened.

The Aboriginal Peoples Television Network reported that the alleged victim doesn't remember what happened.

The young man, identified as Drayton Bull, told APTN that he was intoxicated when he left his brother's house. Bull said he remembers a police car going by and trying to hide so they wouldn't pick him up.

Bull said he blacked out several times, but remembers a man in black pants behind him. He woke up outside his father's house.

He was taken to hospital and treated for a concussion.

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Israel votes. Netanyahu, hard-line allies win slight majority, exit polls show

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his hard-line allies fared far worse than expected in a parliamentary election Tuesday, preliminary results showed, likely forcing him to reach across the aisle to court a popular political newcomer to cobble together a new coalition.

While Netanyahu appeared positioned to serve a third term as prime minister, the results marked a major setback for his policies and could force him to make new concessions to restart long-stalled peace talks with the Palestinians.

His most likely partner was Yesh Atid, or There is a Future, a party headed by political newcomer Yair Lapid that showed surprising strength. Lapid has said he would only join a government committed to sweeping economic changes and a resumption of peace talks with the Palestinians.

Addressing his supporters early Wednesday, Netanyahu vowed to form as broad a coalition as possible. He said the next government would be built on principles that include reforming the contentious system of granting draft exemptions to ultra-Orthodox Jewish men and the pursuit of a "genuine peace" with the Palestinians. He did not elaborate, but the message seemed aimed at Lapid.

Shortly after the results were announced, Netanyahu called Lapid and offered to work together. "We have the opportunity to do great things together," Netanyahu was quoted as saying by Likud officials.

According to preliminary results, Netanyahu's Likud-Yisrael Beitenu alliance was set to capture about 31 of the 120 seats, significantly fewer than the 42 it held. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reprisals feared after Prince Harry admits to Taliban killings

Media melee. Fevered press response reflects naivety about the realities of war, one British colonel claims

Prince Harry talks to a TV crew at Camp Bastion in southern Afghanistan on Dec. 12, 2012. The Ministry of Defence announced Monday that the 28-year-old is returning from a 20-week deployment in Afghanistan, where he served as an Apache helicopter pilot with the Army Air Corps. JOHN STILLWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Prince Harry's admission that he killed Taliban fighters while working as a helicopter gunner in Afghanistan drew intense British media coverage Tuesday and sparked concerns about possible reprisals.

The 28-year-old prince spoke in a pooled interview published late Monday after he was safely out of Afghanistan. He had spent the last 20 weeks deployed as a co-pilot and gunner in a heavily-armed Apache attack helicopter.

Asked if he had killed from the cockpit, the third-in-line to the British throne said, "Yeah, so, lots of people have."

The response was immediate Tuesday: The Daily Mirror tabloid ran a page-one headline, "Royal Sensation Harry: I Killed Taliban," along with a photo of a macho-looking Harry in combat gear and designer shades. Other newspapers ran similar gung-ho stories about the prince's military exploits. "Harry: I Have Killed" was the story in the Daily Mail.

Video shot during the prince's deployment was shown dozens of times on Britain's major news networks.

In Parliament on Tuesday, Defence Minister Mark Francois praised Harry, saying the prince should be commended for his bravery.

Lindsey German, leader of the Stop the War Coalition, called Harry's comments "arrogant and insensitive" and raised the prospect that Harry might have accidently targeted Afghan civilians.

Former officer Charles Heyman, who edits a yearbook on British forces, said the prince's words may raise the already high threat level against him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three people wounded in Texas college shooting

This frame grab shows the scene at Lone Star College Tuesday after a shooting on campus. Three people were wounded. KPRC TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fight between two people led to a shooting at a Texas community college Tuesday and sent students fleeing for safety as officials placed the campus on lockdown, officials said. A maintenance worker was caught in the crossfire and wounded.

One of the people involved in the fight had a student ID, and both were wounded and hospitalized, Harris County Sheriff's Maj. Armando Tello said. A fourth person was also taken to hospital for a medical condition, he said.

The two people involved in the fight are considered persons of interest, Tello said. Authorities said they weren't looking for any other suspects and that they recovered one handgun at the scene.

The shooting, which happened before 1 p.m., sent students scurrying for safety on the Lone Star College System campus, about 32 kilometres north of downtown Houston. Some barricaded themselves in the rooms they were in, while others fled to nearby buildings.

Mark Zaragosa said he had just come out of an emergency medical training class when he saw two people who were injured and stopped to help them.

"The two people that I took care of had just minor injuries," Zaragosa told a local TV station. "One gentleman had a gunshot to the knee, and the (other) actually had an entry wound to the lower buttocks area."

The wounded maintenance worker, said to be in his mid-50s, was listed as being in stable condition.

The shooting comes one month after a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at an elementary school in Connecticut, heightening security concerns at campuses across the country and fuelling a national debate about gun control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gun control

- President Obama has proposed a package of gun-control changes that are expected to face stiff opposition from Republicans, who control the House of Representatives.
- In Texas, several school districts have implemented or are considering a plan to allow faculty to carry guns. The Texas Legislature may also debate a bill that would allow guns on college campuses.

Algerian hostage-taking

Ottawa wants proof of terrorist links from ambassador

The Foreign Affairs Department has called in Algeria's ambassador to Canada to get more information on why the country's prime minister labelled some of the hostage-takers in last week's gas-plant siege as Canadian.

The Algerian prime minister said Monday that a total of 38 workers and 29 militants died, offering the government's first detailed account of the attack that ended in a bloody military raid, which he defended as the only way to end the conflict. Five foreigners are still unaccounted for.

Canada's diplomatic dressing down was part of Ottawa's ongoing efforts to confirm or debunk reports that there were two Canadians among the terrorists involved in the attack on the remote plant in the Algerian desert.

The federal government is operating on the assumption that, unless they can determine otherwise, any identifying papers that might point to Canadian involvement are likely fake. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Islamist occupation

Malian and French forces gaining ground on rebels

American planes transported French troops and equipment to Mali, a U.S. military spokesman said Tuesday, as Malian and French forces pushed into the Islamist-held north.

The town of Douentza had been held by Islamist rebels for four months, located 195 kilometres northeast of Mopti, the previous line-of-control held by the Malian military in Mali's narrow central belt. The Islamist fighters have controlled the vast desert stretches of northern Mali, with the weak government clinging to the south since a military coup in the capital in March last year unleashed chaos.

French and Malian troops arrived in Douentza on Monday to find that the Islamists had retreated from it, said resident Sali Maiga. "The Malian military and the French army spent their first night, and the people are very happy," Maiga said Tuesday.

A curfew went into effect at 8 p.m., and no gunfire or other incidents were reported overnight, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philippine shooting

Canadian killer's background still under investigation

A Canadian man facing charges of illegal possession of firearms opened fire in a Philippine courtroom Tuesday, killing two people and wounding a prosecutor before police fatally shot him, officials said.

The suspect, John Pope, appeared in court in central Cebu city to face the charges when he pulled out a gun and shot a lawyer and a physician who filed a case against him, police said.

He then fired at a prosecutor in the hallway of the building before police fatally wounded him, said police Chief Mariano Natuel.

Regional police director Marcelo Garbo said Pope ignored orders to surrender and tried to fire at police.

The Philippine Star reported on its website Tuesday that Pope, who was in his 60s, was carrying two firearms — a .357 revolver that he used to shoot the victims and a .45 pistol police later recovered from a bag he carried.

Police said they were investigating Pope's background. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Death video’ guard tells Smith inquest of stress

Ashley Smith. Guard testifies about job woes, getting arrested after death of teen at Ontario prison

A prison guard testified Tuesday about the shock he felt at finding himself at a police station under arrest, stripped of his shoes and facing charges in the death of a teenaged inmate whose death throes he had videotaped.

At the inquest into the death of Ashley Smith, Rudy Burnett said he felt as if he had been criminally convicted, even though he believed he had done nothing wrong.

“It was not a very nice situation. I was under a lot of stress. I was very agitated,” he said.

The calm, soft-spoken Burnett, who now works at a halfway house for men, also testified about the difficulties of being a guard in the prison system.

Among other things, he said, he had witnessed serious assaults.

“It’s very traumatic,” he told coroner’s court. “Over the years, you do sort of get desensitized.”

He said he relied on family and church to help him keep a sense of himself.

Burnett, who was charged with criminal negligence and failing to provide the necessities of life in Smith’s death, was grilled about his reluctance to give police the names of the other guards present at her death.

His lawyer had advised him to say as little as possible, coroner’s court heard.

Asked if prison guards were like a “fraternity” and he was trying to protect the others, Burnett said a fraternity conjured up an image of college hijinx.

“I really don’t consider it a fraternity,” he said. “More like a brotherhood.”

Charges against Burnett, who had been pressed into videotaping the choking death of Smith in her cell in Kitchener, Ont., five years ago, were dropped.

On Monday, jurors saw his video of the frantic last-ditch efforts to save Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., who had tied a ligature around her neck in her segregation cell at the Grand Valley Institution.

Burnett was a fill-in guard who had just completed a night shift and was seconds from leaving for home when an “all call” sounded, indicating an emergency. He turned and went to respond, and found a video camera thrust into his hands.

Pressed about why he didn’t intervene as Smith lay dying, he insisted he was just doing the job he was given and following orders to videotape.

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Ashley Smith is shown surrounded by guards at Joliette Institution in Joliette, Que., on July 26, 2007, in this image made from video. HANDOUT/OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CORONER FOR ONTARIO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal. Boy, 12, charged after brother, 16, shot dead

A 12-year-old boy was charged Tuesday in connection with the shooting death of his older brother in a case that has devastated a family and left neighbours in disbelief.

The boy, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and striped trackpants, stood expressionless in a Montreal courtroom as he was charged with manslaughter and illegal possession of a loaded, prohibited weapon.

While authorities did not lay murder charges in Monday’s death of his 16-year-old sibling, they did not describe the shooting as a complete accident either.

“Obviously because he’s charged with manslaughter, it’s not an accident — the evidence doesn’t show it’s an accident,” said Crown prosecutor Marie-Claude Bourassa, without revealing the suspected circumstances.

Due to his age, the boy faces a maximum sentence of three years in youth detention if convicted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drunk driving OK’d by rural Irish county

Where else but in Ireland, where pub life is woven into the country’s cultural fabric, would this happen?

Kerry County Council has passed a motion for a permit system that would allow isolated rural people to drink over the legal limit and drive home.

County Mayor Terry O’Brien, however, stands opposed.

“The councillor who actually moved this owns a pub,” O’Brien told Torstar News Service. “And people who voted with him also own pubs.”

The motion, tabled by Coun. Danny Healy-Rae, passed by a vote of 5-3.

Usually, there are 27 councillors in the chamber, but the debate dragged into the night. In the end, there were only 12 or 13 remaining, and a handful abstained, the mayor said.

Before becoming law, the motion has to be approved by the Department of Justice — O’Brien doesn’t think the government will pass it.

O’Brien said he fought hard against the motion because he’s worried about more carnage in County Kerry, which has a population of about 145,000.

Can a strict limit of three pints, low speed and the luck o’ the Irish keep folks safe? CATE GILLON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Healy-Rae told Torstar News Service that he brought the motion because his constituents feel “trapped in their homes.”

He explained that people in rural areas cannot take public transit and have limited access to taxis.

He also referred to “lonely” people who developed depression and committed suicide.

Healy-Rae owns Jackie Healy-Rae’s pub in Kilgarvin.

The controversial motion suggested that the police would have the discretion to issue permits to allow certain people to drink up to three pints and drive home along a rural road at no more than 30 km/h.

“How would you begin to (distinguish) who had one pint and who had two?” the mayor asked.

O’Brien thinks the motion could have deadly consequences.

“I cannot imagine any person having the authority or experience to be able to judge a person after two or three pints,” O’Brien said.

The County Kerry mayor said he is sympathetic to isolated people in rural areas.

“There’s an elderly population out there who are living alone. Unfortunately, I couldn’t support giving people this licence,” he said. “What happens when the first person is killed with this?”

National statistics show that Ireland’s road deaths have been falling annually as well as the number of people who are charged with drinking while intoxicated.

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All those opposed

“I think it’s absolute madness.”

County Mayor Terry O’Brien

Romania. Three arrested in multimillion-dollar art heist in Netherlands

Romanian authorities have arrested three suspects in last year’s multimillion-dollar art heist from a Netherlands art gallery, Dutch police said Tuesday. But the paintings, by artists including Picasso, Matisse and Monet, have not been recovered.

The announcement marked the first breakthrough since thieves swiped the seven pieces on Oct. 16 in a late-night raid at the Kunsthal gallery in Rotterdam.

Two thieves forced their way into the gallery through an emergency door and snatched the paintings. Security cameras showed the thieves fleeing within two minutes. Police arrived less than five minutes after the break-in.

It was the biggest art theft in more than a decade in the Netherlands. The stolen works would have an estimated value of tens of millions of dollars if they were sold at auction.

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New Zealand. Economist says cats must go in order to save endangered birds

Gareth Morgan has a dream: a New Zealand free of pet cats that threaten native birds.

Morgan, an economist and businessman, called on his countrymen Tuesday to make their current cat their last in order to save the nation’s unique bird species. He set up a website, Cats To Go, depicting a kitten with horns. The opening line: “That little ball of fluff you own is a natural-born killer.”

He doesn’t recommended people euthanize their current cats — “Not necessarily but that is an option” — but rather neuter them and not replace them when they die.

For millennia, New Zealand’s birds had no predators. Some species, like the kiwi, became flightless. But the arrival of mankind and its introduction of predators like cats, dogs and rodents has wiped out some native bird species.

However, Morgan’s campaign is not sitting well in a country that boasts one of the highest cat-ownership rates in the world. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Furlong

New allegations aimed at former Olympic CEO

The reporter behind an article that accused former Vancouver Olympic CEO John Furlong of abusing students in B.C. 40 years ago has added new accusations in her statement of defence, alleging Furlong abused a former spouse and raped another.

Laura Robinson’s statement of defence says she was contacted by a former common-law spouse of Furlong’s, asserting he “raped her many times.” Robinson also alleges Furlong beat his former wife, Margaret Furlong.

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Gatineau

Woman charged with poisoning

Gatineau police say they have charged a woman with poisoning two of her co-workers with an anti-psychotic last year.

The force says it received the initial complaint on Feb. 16, 2012, when two victims, aged 37 and 61, felt ill after eating their lunch.

Lise Filion, 60, is scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday.

SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO IN OTTAWA

Has Apple lost its shine?

iPhone sales. Observers look to Wednesday's first-quarter earnings report to confirm or quell rising skepticism

For many investors, Apple's best days are behind it. Competitors are catching up, they believe, and the latest iPhone is stumbling.

The company's doubters have backed their conviction with billions of dollars. Last week, the stock fell below $500 US for the first time in 11 months. Since Apple's stock peaked at $705.07 US on Sept. 21 — the day of the iPhone 5's release — it has fallen nearly 30 per cent, cutting Apple's market capitalization by nearly $200 billion US.

On Wednesday, Apple — still the world's most valuable public company — gets a chance to rebut the skeptics as it reports financial results for the holiday quarter. But the report could also end up confirming beliefs that the company is losing its edge as an arbiter of innovation and a pacesetter in sales growth.

Apple's perception problem centres on the iPhone. Many investors believe the company has painted itself into a corner with the high-priced gadget. The iPhone is more expensive than other smartphones that do many of the same things. The company created the modern smartphone, but because of its strategy to sell the iPhone at a large premium, it will be unable to capitalize fully as smartphones continue conquering the world. The iPhone seems destined to remain the phone of the elite who can afford it.

In many ways, the iPhone's global battle with phones running Google's Android operating system is a replay of the Mac-PC battles of the '80s and '90s, when Apple saw its innovative-yet-expensive Mac outflanked by cheaper PCs running Microsoft's DOS and Windows software.

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Rallying points

- While Apple's future prospects are in doubt, the company's supporters have one strong argument in their favour: The stock is cheap compared to current earnings, and even if the iPhone's sales growth slows, Apple will continue to generate plenty of revenue.
- The stock trades at 11 times the past 12 months of earnings, compared with 15 for Microsoft Corp. and 22 for Google Inc. Those figures don't take into account Apple's enormous cash pile — $121 billion US — which boosts its value even further.

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GOLD $1,693.20 US (+$6.20)

Brussels

AB InBev wins latest EU round in battle of Buds

Ask for a "Bud" in the EU and the only one you'll get is by brewing giant AB InBev, a high court has ruled in a rejection of a challenge from the Czech company Budejovicky Budvar. The firms have fought for a century over the right to use "Budweiser" on bottles and kegs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal

Air Canada CEO still bullish on Dreamliners

Air Canada's chief executive is confident battery problems plaguing the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner will be resolved quickly. Calin Rovinescu, speaking Tuesday to the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, said problems are common with new models and Air Canada still expects to begin taking delivery of the first of the 37 Dreamliners it has ordered starting in 2014.

The main lithium-ion battery, left, and an undamaged battery from an All Nippon Airways' Boeing 787 that made an emergency landing in Japan Jan. 16. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Calgary

Griffiths Energy to pay $10.35M for bribing officials

Griffiths Energy will pay a $10.35-million fine after pleading guilty to a bribery charge for payments made to officials in Chad. The Calgary-based company disclosed last week it had been charged under a Canadian law called the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act.

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Even if you're not exactly sure why, you know this is a bad idea.

A Harvard biologist says it's possible to bring the Neanderthal back to life through cloning. All he needs is some caveman DNA and the womb of an "extremely adventurous female human" and voila!

Yikes! Troglotykes!

Yes, the Neanderthal is traditionally regarded as the loser in the race to the top of the food chain, rendered extinct 30,000-plus years ago, unable to overcome the challenge of the wittier, more upright, photogenic Homo sapiens, i.e.: us.

As prehistory is written by the victors, we're used to thinking of the Neanderthal as slow-witted, rude and, of course, extinct.

Recently, though, the Neanderthal image has undergone a bit of an upgrade as scientists have discovered that they had a larger brain capacity than guess-who. It also turns out Homo sapiens weren't so fussy back then when it came to sharing the cave.... All of us have a little Neanderthal DNA. Which might help explain our rapid descent down the evolutionary tree after a couple of drinks.

Back from extinction?

Prof. Church thinks it might be a good idea to breed a Neanderthal and encourage him/her to use that excess cranial capacity to solve some modern problems.

But now, Harvard's George Church, who looks a little like a Neanderthal elder (robust, hairy), in a new book called Regenesis: How Synthetic Biology will Reinvent Nature and Ourselves, outlines how theoretically easy it is to resurrect extinct species, as long as we have viable DNA.

Prof. Church thinks it might be a good idea to breed a Neanderthal and encourage him/her to use that excess cranial capacity to solve some modern problems.

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Answer: "Eat more!"

Or, "Trog, what's the secret to world peace?"

Answer: "Bash foe good!"

You can see how this could be helpful, as long as we stick to single syllables.

Prof. Church is a very smart man. He was one of the pioneers of the Human Genome Project and has helped launch two dozen biotech firms. But you wonder if he could do with a bit more of that vaunted Neanderthal cranial capacity.

Meanwhile, the call is out for that "extremely adventurous female human" to act as the troglotyke's incubator. Presumably, Prof. Church will be looking for someone with prior experience, like Rosemary.

But smirk as we might (and we do), this is ultimately a tragic tale. How would you like to grow up knowing your last chance to meet a nice girl and settle down expired 30,000 years ago, and everyone thinks you're one strand short of a genome, like the guy in the Geico commercial: So Easy, a Caveman Could Do It?

Exactly. It's fun until someone gets his feelings hurt. And then he bashes your head in.

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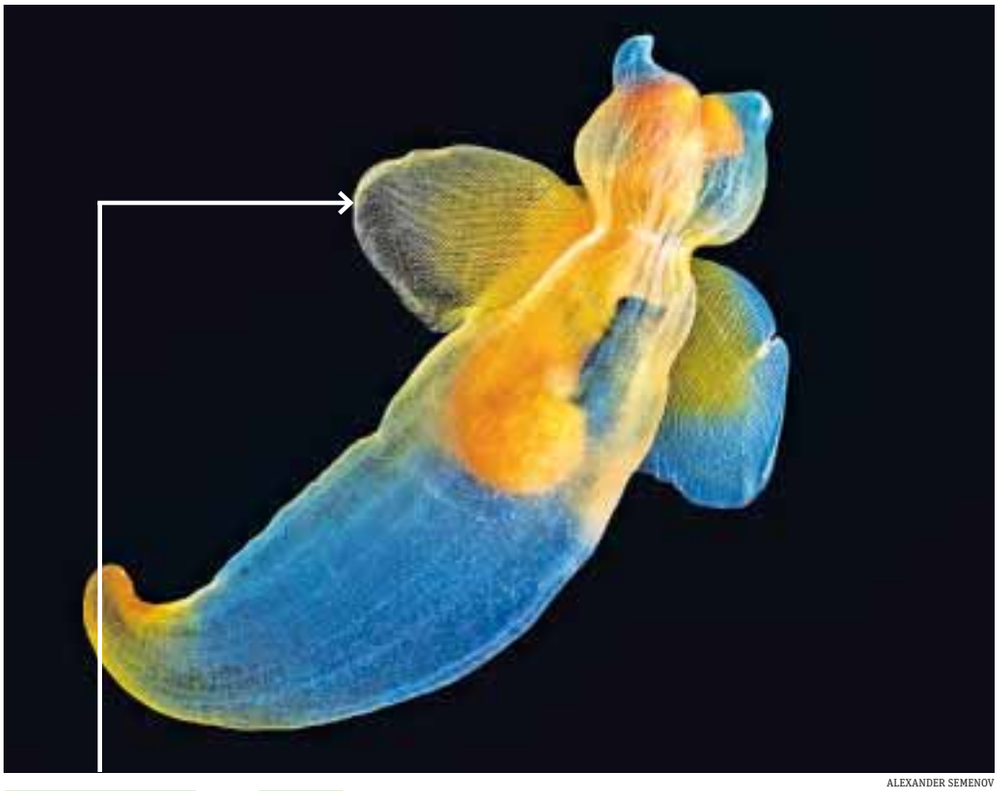
Angels swimming in the sea



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Underwater shooting

Deep sea's beauty revealed

Think deep sea and images of creatures untouched by nature's beauty come to mind: fang-toothed angler fish, translucent sea worms and eerie squids, just to name a few. But this photo of a vibrant, rainbow-coloured sea angel in Russia's White Sea by Alexander Semenov shows a prettier side of what lurks below.

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Q and A

Sea slugs are vibrant

ALEXANDER SEMENOV
Photographer, zoologist at White Sea Biological Station, Russia

What makes deep-sea photography so special?

The deep water is a very diverse place for animals. The countless factors that affect natural life — salinity, water temperature, depth, different types of water — create a unique ecosystem, something that we will never see in an aquarium.

What presents the biggest challenge in underwater photography?

First of all, it's difficult to do anything in the water. It's tricky enough to stay close to your subject while making sure that your flippers don't churn up a cloud of haze from the bottom. The shooting process can be tough, too: you have to set the lighting functions at the right moment. But the biggest problem is temperature. Sometimes the water is –1.5 C — after 20 to 30 minutes, you lose the feeling in your hands despite having thick gloves.

Why the fascination with sea slugs?

I like all of the inhabitants of the underwater world but nudibranchs (a species of sea slugs) are particularly interesting as they are one of the most vibrant groups. They possess every colour and shape combination imaginable. METRO WORLD NEWS

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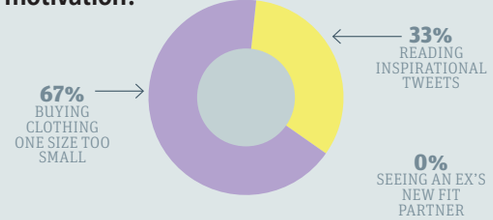

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@SaskGregger: Atari is just now going bankrupt?

@jenkew: You know when you're a kid, and you can't WAIT for it to finally be your birthday? When did that go away?

@jeffdotca: Gotta love landlords that tell you that they are selling your condo after you agree to sign a lease until April...

@heather_mo: Today, I didn't believe that the universe would provide. And it still came through. I should have listened to Journey.

@sletten_C: I think Zombies took over the Blairmore Wal-mart in Saskatoon #weirdpeople #WTF

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In Focus

The many faces of Parker

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In the movie Parker, Jason Statham, British action-man and Hollywood star, plays the title character. He's a ruthless career criminal with a twisted sense of ethics — he doesn't steal from the poor or hurt innocent people.

Sound familiar? Well it should, as the character is the star of 24 books written by Donald E. Westlake (under the pseudonym Richard Stark). Many films have also been made from the books, with Parker played by everyone from Lee Marvin to Mel Gibson to Robert Duvall.

If the movies don't ring a bell, however, it's because on film, Parker has often been renamed.

For instance, in 1967's Point Blank (based upon the novel The Hunter) Lee Marvin played the character named Parker in the book, but changed to Walker for the film.

In the '70s and '80s, the Westlake Parker novels remained popular Hollywood source material. Robert Duvall switched the name to Macklin in 1973's The Outfit, one of Quentin Tarantino's favourite films.

The best-known Parker adaptation is Payback in 1999, but with so many actors having played the character, who would Westlake, his creator, like to have seen in the role? "Usually I don't put an actor's face to the character," he said, "though with Parker, in the early days, I did think he probably looked something like Jack Palance. That may be partly because you knew Palance wasn't faking it."

Movie 43 director Peter Farrelly said he was surprised big stars like Halle Berry agreed to star in the film. HANDOUT

Movie 43 is either going to be Funny or Die trying

Interview. While the collection of bizarre shorts may include famous actors, the director doesn't see it doing well on Rotten Tomatoes

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Before director/producer Peter Farrelly will get on with our interview, he needs to make sure he's talking to someone from a real publication.

"Metro News sounds like something out of Superman," Farrelly says. "'I work for the Metro News!'"

After assuring him that we are very real, it's time to talk about the raunchy comedy anthology Movie 43, a project that's also very real, even if Farrelly is working without his brother Bobby, his co-director on such career-definers as Dumb and Dumber and There's Something About Mary.

You've got some big stars in this, some with Oscars. How did you convince them to take part?

Well, when we got Kate (Winslet) and Hugh (Jackman), Charlie Wessler, the producer, told them that Coen Brothers were going to direct them, and then I showed up and said that they'd had to cancel (laughs). I was nervous showing up with Kate Winslet and Halle Berry and Hugh Jackman. I thought when they got on the set they were going to blink and say, 'You're kidding. I can't be doing this.' Not only did they not, they embraced it like it was their first movie ever and they wanted to go for it.

Hit or miss

"It's groundbreaking and odd and offensive and critics aren't going to know what to do with it."

Peter Farrelly
Talking about how he expects Movie 43 to be received poorly by the critics.

How do you think approaching a project like this has changed since the advent of Funny or Die and the Internet in general?

The world's attention spans have diminished drastically in the last 10 years, so you can't just have a movie of shorts. What we had to do is have a wraparound story that explains what Movie 43 is and keeps you wanting to know what's going to happen at the end.

How much do sites like Funny or Die work as far as finding new comedy talent?

That's where we got all our new talent, in fact. Charlie would scour Funny or Die and the entire Internet for funny pieces and then contact those guys or women and say, 'Hey, that's hilarious. We're doing a movie of shorts, you want to write one?'

How did you decide which of the segments to direct yourself?

I just picked the best ones (laughs). Because I'm the producer. Um, no, I picked the ones that I thought were the funniest. And by the way, it's going to get about a six per cent on the Rotten Tomatoes scale if we're lucky, just so you know. Because it's groundbreaking and odd and offensive and critics aren't going to know what to do with it.

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Prince Harry on nude scandal

Prince Harry is finally speaking out about his nude photo scandal from his trip to Las Vegas last summer, acknowledging it wasn't his proudest moment. "I probably let myself down. I let my family down. I let other people down," Harry told reporters as he wrapped up his latest four-month stint in Afghanistan. But he doesn't think he was the only one acting inappropriately. "At the end of the day, I was in a private area and there should be a certain amount of privacy," he said. "The way I was treated by (the media) I don't think is acceptable."

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The Word

The Beyoncé lip-syncing scandal

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If you are one of the millions who thought that a triumphant Beyoncé trumped Kelly Clarkson's vocal prowess at Monday's inauguration, you should know a little secret: Beyoncé might have lip sang The Star Spangled Banner.

The Internet was abuzz yesterday with a much-circulated story that a spokesperson (who has probably since been fed to the wolves) from the Marine Corp Band, which backed Beyoncé (Beyonsync? Hackonce?) and said that the singer decided at the "last minute to go with the pre-recorded version."

Lip-sync? Beyoncé? Girlfriend ripped out her ear piece and then went on to nail it!

If her removing her earpiece was indeed just a dramatic, unneeded touch in order to fool us, her acting ability is much better than Austin Powers in Goldmember gives her credit for.

Sheryl Crow

'Honesty is always the best bet,' says Crow of ex-fiancée, Lance Armstrong

Lance Armstrong's ex-fiancée, Sheryl Crow, is speaking out on the disgraced cyclist's coming clean about his years of doping, admitting it would have been tough for Armstrong to keep it a secret much longer.

"I think that honesty is always the best bet and that the truth will set you free," she tells Entertainment Tonight, admitting that she'd only seen "bits and pieces" of Armstrong's two-part interview with Oprah Winfrey.

"To carry around a weight like that would be devastating in the long run."

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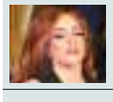
@oliviawilde
I would like to request that the word fiancée be replaced with beyoncé, for obvious reasons. Effective immediately.



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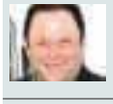
And if you thought I was looking at you during the show I was.



@IJasonAlexander
With every passing day, I fear that growth spurt my pediatrician swore I'd get may be more and more of a bad prognosis.

@Sethrogen
You don't automatically look like me if you're chubby and have stubble and glasses. You have to be Jewish too.

On Friday, pubs around the globe will be fully stocked in tribute to Scotland's national poet – Robbie Burns. Born in 1759, Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist celebrated internationally for such works as Auld Lang Syne and Address to a Haggis. He was voted the Greatest Scot of All Time in a national 2009 television contest. If you find yourself in Edinburgh, here are some ways to get to know the man behind the day.

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Edinburgh is Burns-ing

The Writers' Museum

The Writers' Museum focuses on Scotland's three greatest wordsmiths — Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and of course, Robbie Burns. Fans of great literature can learn about the bard's life through portraits, early manuscripts, personal items and, for the more macabre, even a rare plaster cast of Burns' skull — all set in the beautifully historic 17th Century Lady's Stair House on Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

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The Burns Monument

The 19th Century-commissioned Burns Monument was constructed to house a life-size statue of Robbie Burns. Although the marble likeness is now found in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, its impressive shelter still stands. Located on Regent Road, the circular, recently restored Neo-Greek-style temple also supplies a worthy view of Arthur's Seat — the stunning mountainous hill that rises above Edinburgh.

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Scottish National Portrait Gallery

Not only does the 123-year old building contain the aforementioned statue of Burns, but the Scottish National Portrait Gallery is one of Edinburgh's most neo-gothic architectural fascinations. Shortlisted as the UK's museum of the year in 2012, this popular museum explores Scotland's history through its extensive portrait collection of the country's most luminous icons, including everyone from Robbie Burns to Mary, Queen of Scots and even legendary actor Sean Connery.

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The White Hart Inn

A 16th century pub that boasts Robbie Burns among its past patrons, the fascinating White Hart Inn in Edinburgh's historic Grassmarket Square also claims to have hosted notorious 19th Century murderers Burke and Hare and survived an attack by a German zeppelin during the First World War. In the true spirit of Robbie Burns however, you should at least wrap up your day of travels with the pub's "wee taste of haggis with bashed neeps".

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Marvellous Marseille: The capital of culture

Europe's pick for 2013. The second largest city in France is the site of celebration for the continent's culture and arts

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Lost in the human tide gathered around the Vieux Port of Marseille, I witnessed the delirious enthusiasm that shook the city on Jan. 12. At 7 p.m., the "big clamour" echoed in the sea and the outskirts of Marseille for the opening of Marseille-Provence, the European Capital of Culture for 2013.

Earlier in the day, I walked through Marseille, moving from one exhibit to the next, dipping down into arts, multiculturalism and history.

Since culture should start in the streets, I headed to Les Friches de la Belle de Mai, some five hectares of land once occupied by tobacco and matches factories, looking for some kind of rehabilitation. MP 2013 chose that peculiar place to gather artists and to offer the visitor various forms of art, including graffiti.

I passed by to take a look at some new construction, a rough monument with four floors dedicated to community radio stations, theatre and dance companies, exhibits, a bookstore and a restaurant. Climbing my way up to the roof top — an amazing open space with sculptures, still under development — I spent more time on the first floor. The exhibit reunites various Mediterranean artists through the journey and exile themes.

Enjoy the graffiti in Les Friches de la Belle de Mai. ALL PHOTOS: AURÉLIE RESCH

If you go...

- **More info.** Although Marseilles is the city to visit in 2013 for this big event, don't forget other beautiful towns of Provence, which participated on the project. Check the following website for info on temporary exhibits, happenings and shows. mp2013.fr/?lang=en
- **Getting there.** Air France offers daily flights from Toronto to Marseille.

The moving combination of photos, testimonies, sculptures and films speaks to the heart of any traveller.

Later, through the maze of narrow streets, north of the Vieux Port, I reached the famous museum of La Vieille Charité, where I jumped into the past looking at archeological artifacts and visual reconstitutions of the Masillia Temple in Delphi. It showed one of the earliest monuments of Marseilles, built in Greece, highlighting the tight connection between this region and Greece at the time, revived with Marseilles being granted this 2013 European-cultural title.

Before heading to the newly-built Pavillon M by the city hall, facing the Vieux Port, I visited two fabulous sites.

Created by the very talented Rudy Ricciotti, the MuCEM is an architectural wonder sitting by the Fort St-Jean, steps from the Cathédrale de la Major.

A concrete lace delicately covers the monument dedicated to the arts and to exhibitions from each side of the Mediterranean Sea. The MuCEM is a beautiful place where talent, connoisseurs and the curious crowd like to gather.

Further, right on the docks, replacing the port warehouse, the Local J1 is a wonderful creation where rough industrial and marine materials mix with sophisticated forms of media to support a variety of exhibits.

The Pavillon M is a 3,000 square metre temporary structure dedicated to the program of the year of the European Capital of Culture.

Showcases, happenings, unique exhibitions and meeting with the artist will take place daily to introduce visitors to the events taking place in the region. These offerings not only occur in Marseille, but also in Aix-en-Provence, Arles and other beautiful cities of Provence.

So here I was on this opening night, in the crowd, giving a huge round of applause to Marseille-Provence, the European Capital of Culture for 2013. The excitement around me was contagious and I too felt proud and excited being here.

The fireworks, lights, sounds and water shows on the Vieux Port were just beautiful. So were the other events around the city. I managed to stay up on my feet and to make my way to various places where I could see acrobats playing "flying angels" above the streets, listen to concertos or watch the street shows. The night would never end.

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Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 lb)
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp pesto
- 2 tbsp roasted red pepper, chopped
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp water or low-fat milk
- 1/2 cup dry seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 tsp vegetable oil

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking oil.

2. Working with one at a time, place the chicken breasts between two sheets of waxed paper and pound to an even quarter-inch thickness.

3. Stir the cream cheese and pesto together in a small bowl until smooth. Divide the mixture among the chicken breasts, spreading it thinly over the surface. Scatter the red pepper over top. Starting at the short end, roll up each chicken breast and secure with a toothpick or skewer.

4. Beat the egg and water together in a shallow bowl, then place the bread crumbs on a plate.

5. Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil. Add the oil and place over medium-high heat. Dip each chicken roll in the egg mixture, then coat in the bread crumbs. Cook, turning occasionally, for 3 minutes or until well browned on all sides. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet.

This recipe serves 4. LORELLA ZANETTI/FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN

6. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the centre. Remove the toothpicks and serve chicken rolls whole or slice the rolls into medallions.

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- 1 oz dark rum
- 1 packet butter
- Pinch cinnamon
- 2 packets sugar
- Hot water
- Cinnamon stick for garnish

Add all ingredients to glass and stir well, melting butter.

Rim coffee glass with cinnamon sugar.

Garnish with cinnamon stick and stir well.

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This herb-roasted Cornish game hen really cuts the mustard

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a small bowl, combine sage, thyme, lemon zest and salt. Separate skin from meat on breast and thighs of each hen. Rub a quarter of herb blend directly onto breast and thigh meat (under the skin) of each hen. Cover and chill the hens.

3. Meanwhile, in large saucepan or Dutch oven, arrange chicken wings in a single layer. Roast wings on the oven's middle rack for 15 minutes, then turn and roast another 15 minutes, or until golden. Add onion, carrot, garlic, tomato paste and thyme sprig, then roast another 15 minutes, or until vegetables are slightly caramelized. Turn off the oven.

This recipe serves 4. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4. Set pan of wings and vegetables over medium heat on stovetop. Add wine and bring to simmer, scraping bottom to release browned bits. Simmer until wine is reduced by half. Add chicken broth and enough cold water to cover wings by 1 inch. Bring liquid to a boil and simmer for 2 hours, adding water as necessary to keep wings covered.

5. After the liquid has simmered for 1 1/2 hours, heat oven to 475 F. Remove hens from the refrigerator and use paper towels to pat dry. Coat lightly with olive oil cooking spray, then use cooking twine to tie legs together. Arrange hens on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast in middle of oven for 30 minutes.

6. Transfer hens to a platter and let rest, loosely covered with foil, for 10 minutes.

7. When chicken stock has simmered for 2 hours, strain mixture into large bowl, discarding solids. Skim off any fat. Wipe pot used to make stock, then pour stock back into it. Return to stovetop over high heat and boil until reduced to 1 cup, about 10 minutes.

8. In small cup, whisk together cornstarch and evaporated skim milk. While whisking constantly, add cornstarch mixture to simmering stock. Continue whisking until thickened, then whisk in mustard. Season with pinch of salt and pepper. Add juices from resting hens to sauce. Transfer hens to plates and pour sauce over each one. Garnish with fresh thyme and sage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup chopped fresh sage, plus extra to garnish
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh thyme, plus 1 large sprig for stock and extra to garnish
- 1 tbsp plus 1 tsp lemon zest
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- Four 1 1/4 lbs Cornish game hens
- 1 lb chicken wings, separated into joints
- 1 cup coarsely chopped yellow onion
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped carrot
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 cup evaporated skim milk
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- Ground black pepper

Main course. Duck Breasts á l'Orange

Ingredients

- 2 whole Peking duck breasts (4 halves)
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 3 small oranges
- 1 medium shallot, minced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 1/2 tbsp sherry vinegar
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp cornstarch dissolved in 2 tsp water
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- Chopped fresh chives

1. Using a sharp knife, lightly score skin on each duck breast half in a crisscross pattern. Sprinkle lightly on all sides with salt and pepper.

2. Heat large skillet over medium high until hot. Reduce heat to medium and place duck breasts, skin side down, in skillet. Cook for 10 minutes, or until skin looks crispy. Do not pour off fat.

3. When duck skin is crisp, transfer breasts to plate. Pour off all but 2 tsps of fat from pan. Return duck to skillet, skin side up, and cook another 3 to 5 minutes for medium-rare. Transfer duck to clean plate, skin side up. Cover loosely with foil and let rest.

4. Juice 2 1/2 of oranges (about 1/2 cup of juice). Thinly slice remaining half.

5. Without cleaning the skillet, return to medium heat and add shallots. Sauté until golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Add orange juice and simmer until reduced by half. Add sherry vinegar and simmer 2 minutes. Add chicken broth and orange slices and simmer until slightly syrupy, or reduced by about 1/3.

6. Whisk cornstarch mixture, then whisk into sauce. Simmer, whisking 1 minute. Add mustard and any juices. Season with salt and pepper.

7. Thinly slice duck and arrange on 6 plates. Spoon sauce with orange slices over each portion, then sprinkle with chives.

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It is always stressful seeking employment; however, another layer of stress is added, for those with disabilities, when it comes to making a decision on when and whether to disclose that disability to a prospective employer.

Although there is plenty of research that illustrates the potential benefits to an employer of having a diverse workforce that includes persons with disabilities, there are certainly many misconceptions that could stand in your way.

When trying to decide the best way to proceed, it is important to first know the laws and how they can protect you.

What are your rights, responsibilities and obligations?

First, take some time to review the Canadian Human Rights Commission website (chrc-ccdp.gc.ca).

You will find on their site information on Duty to Accommodate, A Guide to Creating an Inclusive Workplace, and examples of past cases that are viewed as significant in forming and upholding the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The more you know and understand our laws, the more confident you will feel about what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour on the part of employers. This will ensure that you know what your rights are and how you can work together with a prospective employer to protect them.

However, regardless of how many laws there are to protect us, we still need to use common sense, instinct and judgment when it comes to any topic that may leave us vulnerable to discrimination.

Thus, I encourage you to do research on prospective places of employment. Seek out companies that have a track record of hiring and supporting individuals with disabilities. Some may have company policies that promote and advocate for a more diverse and inclusive workplace. If you know this in advance, it may impact your decision on whether you disclose a disability and when.

Ask around!

Know another individual who has a disability and is working at a company that you are interested in?

- Set up an informational interview to talk about his or her experiences and get some first-hand advice on how he or she handled the job application process and how he or she was treated during and after hiring.

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Banished from your brush with careerdom

Have you been laid off as a recent grad? Dust yourself off and begin to plot a new plan of action

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You go into work one morning and it happens.

You get called into your boss's office and you're told that your relationship with the company has ended.

In other words, you've just been laid off.

A whirlwind of emotions run through you: anger, shame, regret, despair.

When I was first laid off last year, I was shocked to say the least. Until that point, I had never suffered a major professional failure.

When I was laid off again later that same year, I was beside myself. Not only was my self-confidence destroyed, but I also believed that my future career prospects were shot as well. After all, who would hire someone who had been laid off not once, but TWICE — especially in today's ultra competitive job market?

Well, after I stopped whining like a petulant child, I realized that there were plenty of opportunities still available to me, including some that I hadn't seriously considered before.

Before I could come to that realization, however, I had to get through the initial post-lay off blues.

If you've recently lost your job and you're feeling as lost and confused as I once was, here is some advice to help you get past these difficult times:

Don't immediately jump back into your job search

After you've been laid off, your first instinct might be to go home and immediately start looking for your next job. This is usually not the best thing to do. Your emotions will still be running high and you're not likely to get very far in your job search if you can't speak objectively about your previous employer. Take a day or two to relax and cool your head.

Vent!

You'll undoubtedly have very strong feelings regarding your former employer, and the best thing to do is to get these emotions off your chest.

Whether it's ranting to friends and family or writing a strongly-worded review on RateMyEmployer.ca, venting your frustrations will help you clear your head and get you ready to get back to work.

Just be careful not to blast your former employer, boss or co-workers in a public sphere like social media.

Figure out your next step

Now that you're all mellowed out, take some time to seriously consider the circumstances that led to your loss of employment.

While some lay offs—like those due to entire companies shutting down—are unexpected and unavoidable, many lay offs are also partly the result of individual job performance.

Thinking critically about your past job performance can help you pinpoint gaps in your skills or experience that may have led you to perform less well than some of your peers. If you can identify these deficiencies then you can figure out how to overcome them and hopefully avoid being laid off again.

Turn that frown upside down. Most employers understand that we are living in difficult economic times and that lay offs are sometimes inescapable. ISTOCK

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4 SPORTS

MLB

Jays fill out roster with DeRosa

The Toronto Blue Jays signed veteran infielder Mark DeRosa to a $750,000 US, one-year contract Tuesday and designated right-hander Sam Dyson for assignment.

DeRosa's contract includes a $750,000 club option for the 2014 season.

The 37-year-old batted .188 with five doubles and six RBIs in 48 games for the Washington Nationals last season.

In 1,153 career games over 15 big-league seasons, DeRosa has posted a .270 average with 93 home runs and 458 RBIs.

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NCAA

Te'o's 'girlfriend' speaks out on hoax

The woman whose photo was used as the "face" of the Twitter account of Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o's supposed girlfriend says the man allegedly behind the hoax confessed and apologized to her.

Diane O'Meara told NBC's Today Show Tuesday that Ronaiah Tuiasosopo used pictures of her without her knowledge in creating a fake woman called Lennay Kekua. Te'o asserts he was tricked into an online romance with Kekua and, until last week, did not understand he was being hoaxed.

O'Meara went to high school in California with Tuiasosopo, but she says they're not close. He called to apologize Jan. 16, the day Deadspin.com broke the hoax story, she said.

"I don't think there's anything he could say to me that would fix this," said O'Meara, a 23-year-old marketing executive in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penguins, from left, Evgeni Malkin, Chris Kunitz, Sidney Crosby and Paul Martin celebrate Kunitz's empty-net goal against the Flyers in Philadelphia on Saturday. JEFF ZELEVANSKY/GETTY IMAGES

Pens flying high with stars grounded ... so far

NHL. Pittsburgh's role players have team off to quick start heading into home opener vs. Leafs

Sidney Crosby hasn't scored yet. Evgeni Malkin either. The way the superstar duo's teammates are playing for the Pittsburgh Penguins at the moment, it hardly matters.

Not with forward James Neal picking up right where he left off during his career season a year ago. Not with No. 2 goaltender Tomas Vokoun looking very much like the reliable backup Pittsburgh envisioned when it traded for him last spring.

Sure, it was just a 30-hour stretch in a season that even at 48 games will include some ups and downs. And while coach Dan Bylsma is quick to warn about the dangers of reading too much into emphatic road victories over Philadelphia and the New York Rangers, the fact is the Penguins appear to be every bit as good as advertised heading into Wednesday's home opener against Toronto.

"To be able to get back to back wins (and be) four points up on the Rangers with that win, that's two good road wins for our team," Bylsma said.

Though it's still early, the Penguins are playing with a cohesion Bylsma wasn't sure would surface so soon following an all-too-brief training camp. Given a week to get ready for the regular season, Bylsma didn't have time to get a real feel for things, and instead focused on situational hockey like power play and penalty kill while hoping everything else would take care of itself.

Consider it done.

The special teams haven't been too bad either. Pittsburgh converted four of eight power plays over the weekend and killed eight of nine penalties. The only rough spot came in the third period against the Rangers, when things got a little loose after the Penguins took a 5-1 lead. New York drew within 5-3 before the Penguins settled down, the kind of hiccups Pittsburgh knows it needs to avoid.

"There are some details we need to get better at, especially when we're up and have a lead like that against New York in the third," defenceman Kris Letang said. "We can't let them get any life ... we didn't really manage it that well."

Still, figuring out how to nurse a big lead over a rival on the road is a pretty good problem to have. So is wondering when Crosby and Malkin will find the back of the net. Not that they haven't been busy. Malkin already has four assists in two games while Crosby collected his first helper on a Matt Niskanen goal against the Rangers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

3-0

A victory over the Maple Leafs would give Pittsburgh its first 3-0 start since the 1994-95 season, when the Penguins won 12 of their first 13 games.

James Patrick takes down Argo Andre Durie during a game in Toronto in October 2010. Patrick and Sandro DeAngelis were released by the Roughriders on Tuesday. RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Patrick and DeAngelis out, George in for Roughriders

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have re-signed defensive lineman Tearrius George and released former all-stars James Patrick and Sandro DeAngelis.

George was tied for ninth in the league with six sacks last season. He also recorded 19 tackles and a fumble recovery while appearing in all 18 games for Saskatchewan.

Over six CFL seasons, George has posted 95 defensive tackles and 21 sacks.

Patrick, a safety, spent the last five seasons with Riders after signing as a free agent in 2008 out of Stillman College. In 2012, he had his worst statistical year since his rookie season, registering 40 tackles and no interceptions.

Patrick was an all-star in 2010, when he recorded 68 tackles, nine interceptions and a touchdown. He has 227 defensive tackles, 18 interceptions and two sacks in his career.

DeAngelis, from Niagara Falls, Ont., is a three-time all-star kicker. He was the outstanding Canadian of the 2008 Grey Cup, where his five field goals helped the Calgary Stampeders beat the Montreal Alouettes 22-14 at Olympic Stadium.

DeAngelis connected on 30 of 39 field goal attempts last season with the Riders. Over eight CFL seasons with Calgary, Hamilton, Montreal and Saskatchewan, he has connected on 280 of 341 field-goal attempts.

The Roughriders also announced that they have released receiver Clay Cooke, who spent most of last season on the practice roster as an eligible junior.

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DRIVE 5

Tech that! New gadgets in 2013

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Hyundai's Infiniti Q50 (above) has optional Direct Adaptive Steering while their HCD-14 comes with eye tracking and hand-gesture recognition. CONTRIBUTED

Last week's auto show in Detroit produced lots of eye candy, but also revealed several crazy new technologies.

Which is obviously the way it should be. Who wants an auto show to reheat the technological equivalent of last night's lasagna?

Here then are two Detroit tech debuts, which smelled and looked quite tasty...

Direct Adaptive Steering

Now there are lots of "switchable" steering systems out there — you know, the ones where you can select various modes of sportiness. Those systems typically recalibrate steering ratios, and in some cases, also engine and transmission settings. But the optional Direct Adaptive Steering system on the newly launched Infiniti Q50 is the world's first to also adjust steering "effort." It can do this because the steering wheel and steering column are not actually physically making the adjustments on the steering rack. Electric motors are doing it, according to sensors in the steering wheel — "Drive by wire" so to speak.

Each of the four adjustable settings will ask the steering rack motors to give the driver varying degrees of steering effort, like easy for highway cruising and nice and firm for twisty bits.

And steering wheel inputs can be translated to the wheels faster than ever — virtually at the speed of electricity.

Infiniti Canada's Tim Franklin was one of 30 or so lucky company execs that had a chance to sample the system at Infiniti's proving grounds in Japan. "It changes the whole character of the car, not just the throttle and steering," Franklin told us in Detroit.

The other huge advantage, according to Franklin, is that road harshness is not transmitted up through the steering column to the steering wheel, because, well, there is no connection there: "It takes out the trash noises and emphasizes the feedback you want."

Eye Tracking and Hand-Gesture Recognition

Deep within the computerized brain of Hyundai's HCD-14, a concept of a future Genesis model, is the intelligence to do "eye tracking and 3D hand gesture recognition." This is how Hyundai figures we can get rid of all the distracting clusters of buttons and knobs on the instrument panels and consuls of today's vehicles — basically Hyundai's vision for the whole human-to-machine interface. Here's how it works: Via a heads-up-display in the windshield, the system shows the driver all the various options in the world of navigation, infotainment, HVAC, Smartphone connectivity, etc. To make your selection you keep your eye on what you want, and then confirm by a thumb button on the steering wheel and/or by making a gesture with your hand. If you selected stereo for instance, you can make it go louder simply by making another hand gesture in space. You don't need to touch anything. I'm not sure if the system will distinguish between these interface-related hand gestures and the ones motorists have traditionally been using to communicate their displeasure with other motorists. We can only assume engineers are working on it.

Don't fret over a recall, just fix it

Driving Force. Odds are there's nothing or very little wrong with your vehicle, but have it checked nonetheless

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It's the letter no one wants: the notice that your car has a safety recall. But while you should take it in for repair, there's really no need to worry. It's possible, and even very likely, that your vehicle is OK.

"Under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, a company must issue a notice of safety defect, or safety recall notice, when it becomes aware of a defect in the design, construction or functioning of a vehicle that affects or is likely to affect the safety of any person," says Kelly James, media relations advisor for Transport Canada, which collects recall information and makes it available on its website (gc.tc.ca).

Recalls are issued when an automaker discovers something that could potentially fail and pose a safety hazard, such as faulty parts, design flaws or assembly errors. The auto manufacturer sends information to its dealers on how to repair the problem, along with any necessary parts.

It also mails notices to registered owners of the affected vehicles, informing them of the problem and outlining how to get it repaired. Any authorized dealer for your vehicle must perform the recall at no charge, although if the recall is extensive and parts are required, you may have to wait until enough replacement parts are produced and shipped out.

Cars can also be recalled if something doesn't comply with federal motor vehicle standards, which might be as minor as a warning label that isn't in both English and French. The automaker is required to include all vehicles that have the recalled part or design, even if the owner hasn't experienced any problems with it. The part may never fail on your car, but the company must replace it as a precaution.

Quite often, the problem will apply only to a particular batch of parts, or it will be discovered and fixed during production, and so only a specific number of cars will be affected.

Your friend may own the same year and model as your vehicle, but only one might be recalled.

To find out if a recall affects your vehicle, call the manufacturer or dealership. You'll need your 17-digit vehicle information number (VIN), which is on your ownership, or on the driver's side of the dash visible through the windshield.

Advice

- **Take note.** If you buy a used car, or if you move, phone the manufacturer and have your address registered to it, so any applicable recalls can be mailed to you. The automaker doesn't receive your details when you change the ownership at the licensing office.
- **Know the difference.** A technical service bulletin (TSB) is not the same as a recall. TSBs describe symptoms and what is possibly causing them.

Mistakes are rare, but they can happen on the factory floor. HANDOUT

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't get annoyed if you have to amend your plans at the last moment today. If anything the changes will work in your favor. You of all people should know that few things stay the same for long.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Adopt a confident attitude today and you will accomplish great things. Go your own way and do your own thing and the whole world will look at you as if you are someone special – which, of course, you are.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your conclusions about other people's motives could be a bit off target over the next 24 hours, so think before you speak. If you don't know all the facts it might be wise to keep your opinions to yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
According to the planets your rivals are waiting for a chance to make you look bad but they will only succeed if you say or do something foolish. Be inscrutable: don't let anyone know what is going on inside your head.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Something needs to be brought into the open where it can be discussed. If you are wise you will initiate the discussion yourself because that will allow you to set the terms of debate – and that means you'll win.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You must stop chopping and changing. The worst thing that can happen today is that you change your mind and your goals yet again. Identify your number one priority and focus on it to the exclusion of everything else.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Keep your emotions in check and try not to take anything too seriously. Today's Mercury-Jupiter link will make it easy for you to see what is important and what is not, and act – or not act – accordingly.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you want other people to back what you are doing you will have to convince them that the results will be as good for them as they are for you. It would help, of course, if it's the truth.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you sit back and wait for good things to come your way you will be disappointed, but if you go out and make things happen you will be amazed how easily you get ahead. The choice is (as ever) yours.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You cannot please everyone but you can please yourself – and you SHOULD please yourself. Whatever else you do over the next 24 hours make sure it makes you feel good. If others feel good too that's a bonus.

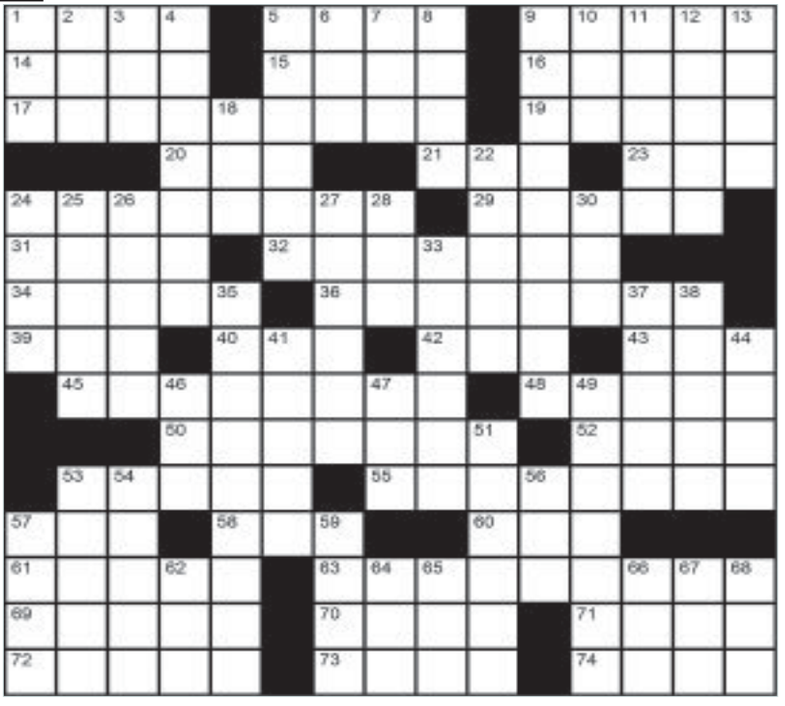
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Mercury in your sign will help you get straight to the point today and that is essential as there are important tasks to be completed. It's not enough just to see clearly – you need to communicate clearly too.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem a bit fearful at the moment, scared you will either say too much or too little. The answer, of course, is to say what you feel and not care two hoots what other people might think about it. Toughen up.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

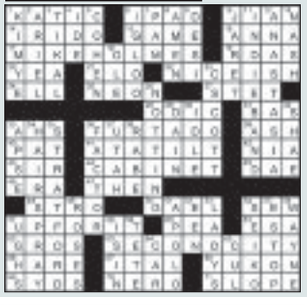
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. "_ __ Good Men" (1992)
5. Poetry event
9. "The Marilyn __ Show"
14. Ms. Loughlin
15. Care for
16. __ __ Janeiro
17. Quebec City landmark, Le Chateau __
19. Insects sci.
20. Mavericks, on scoreboards
21. "__ be my pleasure."
23. Hosp. professionals
24. __ Blackcomb (BC ski resort)
29. Concur
31. Move, in real estate lingo
32. '90s series, "Road to __"
34. Then: French
36. Party platter item: 2 wds.
39. Polite abbr. in texting
40. Hardwood choice
42. Toy-made dessert, __-Cone
43. '_' __ for Newfoundland
45. Prime Minister Harper's
48. _-__ heels
50. Writer, Henry David __
52. "Is it just __ __..."
53. Bar seat
55. Lorne Michaels' proteges through the yrs: 2 wds.
57. Swiss river, variantly
58. Alphabetic trio
60. Cloth
61. Sniff
63. Tries out for "American Idol"
69. Mr. Mandel
70. Famous vamp.
71. Night: French
72. Lets up
73. Jedi foe
74. 'Kitchen' add-on

Down
1. Alien sitcom
2. Pro
3. 'Ranch' suffix
4. Canada's City of Roses
5. Designer Ms. McCartney
6. "Steal My Sunshine" group
7. Actress Ms. Ortiz
8. Gladiator's 1601
9. Gold Rush symbol in the Yukon, a National Historic Site of Canada: __ __. _
10. German article
11. Montreal's __-Dame Basilica
12. '80s hit: "What Have _ __ to Deserve This?"
13. Tiny terms
18. Ink-on-skin pic
22. Jean-__ (Montreal metro station)
24. Sandwich sort
25. AC/DC's "__ Bells"
26. "_ __ my keys!"
27. Conjure upper
28. CBC's "The __ James Show"
30. "Totally awesome."
33. Car company
35. Dramatist of ancient Greece
37. "ER" actress Laura
38. Ornamental edging of loops
41. '60s tune: "You Really Got _ __ on Me"
44. Stock units [abbr.]
46. WWII zone
47. Super __ (Old video game console by Nintendo, commonly)
49. John Lennon anthem
51. Metallica drummer Lars
53. South Pacific island group
54. "Not Ready To Go" by The __
56. Meower
57. Tennis great Arthur
59. Actor George
62. __ detector test
64. William Tell's canton
65. Info, for short
66. Away
67. Puny parasite
68. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

7		4			9		3	
				3	5			2
8				2		1		
		8					4	
		5	1		2	6		
	6					7		
		2		7				8
3			5	6				
	9		2			5		4

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	4	3	2	7	8	5	6	1
5	8	1	3	4	6	7	2	9
6	7	2	5	9	1	4	8	3
8	6	4	9	3	2	1	7	5
3	9	5	8	1	7	2	4	6
2	1	7	6	5	4	9	3	8
1	2	8	4	6	9	3	5	7
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